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Mexico: Continuing conflict between striking students and security forces left a reported 52 wounded by gunfire last night.

Trotskyists and other extremists have increased their influence in the student movement. These radicals are promoting the violence and are planning to train students in how to use weapons and commit sabotage. Other student groups are campaigning for support from workers and peasants, who have for the most part stayed out of the current crisis.

The national university is still in the hands of federal troops. The Mexican press reports the government's intention to prosecute several prominent extreme leftists for

Adding to the increasing difficulties for ending the crisis, the rector of the national university has resigned. Government pressure for his resignation appears to indicate that the government has given up all hope for compromise and plans to press the issue to a total showdown with the students.

Another massive student demonstration is reportedly planned, tentatively for 25 September. It is unlikely that the government will issue permits for the march, thus providing a reason for another potentially violent confrontation.

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